IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Rapt, Inc.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING A MULTIVARIATE

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to May 16, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6.

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